

Proponent of SB 474

US Constitution Amendment 1

"...and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

To the Honorable Chair and Committee on State and Federal Affairs:

I advocate for [SB 474](#) because as a citizen activist, I value the ability to petition government for a city ordinance, but hold that the law as it now stands in [K.S.A. 12-3013](#) , only gives a symbolic jurisdiction to the governed. Without the amendment proposed in SB 474, a judge can strike down the citizens' hard-earned petition by merely ruling the petitioned ordinance as *administrative* as opposed to *legislative*, which is a subjective distinction and therefor subject to the personal preference of those presenting or deciding the case should such referendum be brought to trial for that purpose.

In short, the law should Not show favoritism! I'm a law-abiding citizen advocating for the People's voice Not to be struck down on account of a subjective law. I'm not a lobbyist, and I'm not asking for favors. I'm just advocating that this law be amended to omit the "administrative" restriction and always be subject to the natural rights that any proposed ordinance or law must uphold individual rights that don't infringe on the rights of others. In other words, the restriction of an *administrative* ordinance should be removed, and any petitioned ordinance should be subject to the God-given and constitutional rights of the individual.

Respectfully Submitted,
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